

ROAD IN MICHIGAN.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF MICHIGAN,

FOR

*A grant of lands to make a road from Saganaw to Michilimackinac and the Sault St. Marie.*

FEBRUARY 19, 1844.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

PREAMBLE AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS relative to the construction of a road from Saganaw to Michilimackinac, and the Sault St. Marie.

Whereas the General Government did authorize and complete the survey of a road from Saganaw to Michilimackinac; and whereas the lands lying between the mouth of the Saganaw river and the Sault de St. Marie are yet owned by the United States; and whereas the country alluded to will remain for years unsold, and consequently unoccupied, unless a road through the country be opened; and whereas it is for the best interests of the United States that said road should be made—that emigration may be directed to that region—that the public mails may be conveyed with more speed and safety, avoiding the dangerous and circuitous route of the Lake shores—that the military posts of Fort Mackinac and Fort Brady, as well as the civil departments of the Government, may receive early information of matters often of much importance; and whereas the tone of public sentiment is undergoing a rapid change in regard to the value and importance of the upper peninsula of Michigan, as developed through her mineral products, her ever-abounding fisheries, and other sources of national wealth and prosperity; and whereas it is at present impossible to proceed into the country lying north of the mouth of the Saganaw river, for the purposes of settlement, or the transportation of supplies, during at least six months, if not the whole year: therefore,

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan,* That our members in Congress be requested to procure a grant of lands, or other appropriation, for the construction of a road from Saganaw to Michilimackinac and Sault de St. Marie.

*Resolved,* That his excellency the Governor be requested to forward a copy of the above preamble and resolution to each of our members in Congress.

EDWIN H. LOTHROP,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

EDWIN M. CUST,

*President of the Senate pro tem.*

Approved January 27, 1844.

JOHN S. BARRY.

## STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.:

I, Robert P. Eldredge, Secretary of said State, do hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing is a true copy of a "preamble and joint resolutions relative to the construction of a road from Saganaw to Michilimackinac and the Sault St. Marie," approved January 27, 1844, on file and of record in this office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the great seal of the State of Michigan.

Done at Detroit, in said State, this 27th day of January, A. D. 1844.

R. P. ELDREDGE,  
Secretary of State.

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